

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.25932 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-5 Year-2024 Thana- MEHANDIGANJ District- Patna

MANGAL GOPE @ MANGAL NARAYAN KRISHAN S/O LATE  
RAGHUNATH GOPE @ LATE RAGHUNATH YADAV R/O RANIPUR  
KHIRKI, P.S- MEHANDIGANJ, DISTT.- PATNA.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Abhimanyu Deo, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Pradeep Narain Kumar, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH  
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

2      16-04-2024                      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his/her arrest in a case in connection with Mehandiganj P.S. Case No. 05 of 2024 dated 06.01.2024 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 20 litres of illicit country made liquor kept on Thela was recovered near the house of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. No incriminating material has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. The petitioner is not the



owner of the said Thela. The apprehended co-accused person disclosed the name of the petitioner. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Learned counsel has submitted that no case is made out against the petitioner. Learned Counsel has relied on the judgment of Full Bench of Hon'ble Patna High Court in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar 2019 (2) PLJR 1089**. The Full Bench in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav (supra)** has held that an application for anticipatory bail in a case arising out of Bihar Excise and Prohibition Act can be maintained, despite the bar under Section 76 (2) of the Act, if on the basis of allegation made in the FIR, no offence under the said provision is made out.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner by submitting that the bar of Section 76(2) of the Act applies in this case.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case as well as the material available on the record, let the above named petitioner, in the event of his/her arrest/surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be enlarged on



anticipatory bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs. 20,000/-  
(Rupees twenty thousand) with two sureties of the like amount  
each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned, Patna  
City in connection with Mehandiganj P.S. Case No. 05 of  
2024, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of  
the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. The application stands allowed.

**(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)**

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